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Subject: FW: Material for UST Tribal RSO Funding Panel meeting - January 24th and 25th
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Hi everyone! I will be going to D.C. next week to participate in a tribal RSO meeting to discuss funding for FY17 (when we get a final budget). Pots of money are getting tight and this meeting will have each region making presentations supporting why they asked for money for the tribes.. I can use your help in developing answers.

Specifically, please answer the following questions:

●□□□□□□ You opinion - Should we consider the grantees' indirect cost rates?

●□□□□□□ How many facilities does the grant cover?

Are the number of facilities supported the same as the tanks by tribe chart?

- How many staff members does each grant support?
- What does each grant pay for in addition to staff salary (e.g. vehicles, travel, training, etc.)?
- What are the qualitative benefits of each grant?
- How many and how frequently does each grantee perform inspections?
- Have the grantee's past efforts improved compliance at the facilities it supports?
- What are the indirect cost rates?
- □ *Additional questions from Region 9:*
- Is EPA the sole regulator of the site or is there co-regulation from the State and/or Tribe?
- How does the geographical challenges interplay with the request?
- What is the ownership status of the regulated

Please take a stab at answering these questions for the tribal DITCAs you have been assigned. I would like to have this information by Friday. I travel on Monday and the meeting is Tuesday.

Thanks,

Sherry

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Dear UST Tribal RSO Panel Members,

We are looking forward to seeing you on January 24th and 25th for our FY17 tribal budget discussion. Hopefully you have been able to make your travel arrangements and have been working with Tamiko Brown for any travel paid for by OUST.

Attached is a .pdf with draft material for the meeting. **Please review the material and let Judy Barrows know before Friday, January 20 if you have suggested changes.** We will have

paper copies of the material for you at the meeting.

Specific to the LUST Prevention budget discussion, please let Judy Barrows know before the meeting if we:

- Should consider the grantees' indirect cost rates?
- How many facilities does the grant cover? Is the number of facilities that we have listed on the LUST Prevention spreadsheet correct?

To reiterate, the goal of the meeting is for the panel to develop recommendations for allocating EPM, LUST Prevention, and LUST Cleanup tribal funding, based on an estimated budget (using the FY16 enacted operating plan) and to provide recommendations on how to adjust for a funding increase or decrease once we have a final budget. While consensus is great, we are not necessarily striving to have unanimous agreement among the panel members on approaches or recommendations for allocating funds. OUST will make the final funding decisions based on the panel's input.

It is my hope that our discussions will lead to greater transparency about our tribal funding decisions as well as improve funding calibration and the rationale for funding decisions. I consider this year's approach of using a cross-regional panel to help make tribal funding decisions to be a pilot and would like the panel to also provide feedback on both the allocation method and Tribal RSO process for next fiscal year.

We welcome any additional thoughts you have about the meeting. Please feel free to let Judy Barrows know if you have other thoughts.

List of meeting material in the attachment:

- Draft meeting agenda
- FY14-16 allocation and FY17 requests (EPM, LUST Prevention, and LUST Cleanup)
- Percentage of LUST cleanup budget by category
- Tribal Federal Credentials Schedule
- Tribal Grants Unliquidated Obligations (ULO)

- DRAFT Federally Regulated USTs in Indian Country, by Tribe as of September 2016 (“Tanks by Tribe Chart”)
- FY16 RSO plans and action memos
- Action memo threshold sheet tribal sites

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